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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA-VENEZUELA'S ADDRESS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE,
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1. IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE ADDRESS VENEZUELA'S FOREIGN
MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING:
(A) POST-COLONIAL WORLD-ESCOVAR WELCOMED THE SEYCHELLES
AS AN INDICATION OF THE QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE POST-
COLONIAL WORLD WHICH IS STILL RESTRUCTURING ITSELF.

(B) DETENTE-ESCOVAR SAID THERE IS GREAT SKEPTICISM AND
PESSIMISM SURROUNDING DETENTE, BUT THE WORLD CANNOT
ABANDON IT. HE URGED THAT EASE-WEST RELATIONS BE DEVELOPED
FURTHER LEADING TO LINKS AND EXCHANGES AND "PSYCHOLOGICAL
DISARMAMENT" WHICH IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT WITH WESPONS DISARMA-
MENT.

(C) NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS-ESCOVAR CALLED FOR A POLITICAL
WILL TO CHANGE ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HE REGRETTEED THERE
WERE NO CONCRETE RESULTS YET IN NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS.

(D) HUMAN RIGHTS-ESCOVAR SAW HUMAN RIGHTS IN CRISIS AND
SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PLEDGED TO SEEK PRACTICAL MEANS
WITHIN THE UN TO INSURE THEIR PROTECTION.

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(E) ILLICIT PAYMENTS-HE URGED PROMPT ADOPTION OF NEEDED RULES TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL CORRUPTION.

(F) PANAMA-ESCOVAR INCLUDED PANAMA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTHER AFRICA AMONG ISSUES DISTURBING THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE.

(G) DISARMAMENT -ESCOVAR STRESSED THAT BOTH THE DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED WORLDS LOSE IN AN ARMS RACE. DISARMAMENT WAS A QUESTION OF PLANETARY SECURITY. NUCLEAR ARMS PROLIFERATION MUST BE CONTROLLED AND TREATIES AND RESOLUTIONS MUST BE OBEYED.

(H) TERRORISM-GROWING VIOLENCE AND CRIME (TERRORISM) MUST BE CURBED BY INTERNATIONAL MEASURES AS THE NATIONAL ARE NO LONGER SUFFICIENT. ESCOVAR DEPARTED FROM HIS TEXT TO STATE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS VIOLENCE FROM WHATEVER SOURCE IN WHATEVER COUNTRY.

(I) RESTRUCTURING-ESCOVAR SAID THAT THE UN'S FUNCTIONING DEPENDS UPON ITS CREDIBILITY; TO THE END OF IMPROVING ITS CREDIBILITY THE UN MUST RESTRUCTURE ITSELF.

(J) THIRD-WORLD ROLE-WHILE EAST-EST RELATIONS ARE HEALTHIER, THE THIRD WORLD MUST BEGIN PLAYING A BIGGER ROLE. THE NIEOWILL ASSIST IN RECTIFYING OLDER STRUCTURES IN THE WORLD, BUT WORLD BLANCE IS NOT ONLY A MATTER OF DEVELOPMENT. ESCOVAR APPLAUDED THE FACT THAT THE "POWER OF THE POOR" WAS INCREASING.

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